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TAGS: PEPR, TU, UR  
SUBJ: ECEVIT VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

1. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED JUNE 5 THAT PRIME  
MINISTER ECEVIT WOULD PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET  
UNION DURING LATTER HALF OF JUNE. THE SAME DAY EMBOFF  
DISCUSSED ECEVIT'S PLANNED VISIT WITH MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
EASTERN DEPARTMENT, SELCUK TARLAN. TARLAN SAID ECEVIT  
TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO FLY TO MOSCOW JUNE 21 AND RETURN  
JUNE 25. DETAILS OF PROGRAM ARE STILL NOT COMPLETELY  
WORKED OUT.

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2. TARLAN TOLD EMBOFF HE WAS UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS  
NOT TO DISCUSS THE "POLITICAL DOCUMENT" THAT ECEVIT IS  
EXPECTED TO SIGN DURING HIS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.  
HE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD EXCHANGED  
DRAFTS AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN TAKING PLACE TO  
TRY TO RECONCILE THE TWO VERY DIVERGENT VIEWS ABOUT WHAT

THE DOCUMENT SHOULD CONTAIN. TARLAN MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE GOT INTENDS TO LIMIT THE DOCUMENT TO GENERAL PRINCIPLES SUCH AS THOSE CONTAINED IN THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI. THE TURKS HAVE TAKEN AS MODELS NOT ONLY THEIR OWN 1972 AGREEMENT ON GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BUT ALSO DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY THE SOVIET UNION WITH VARIOUS WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING FRANCE AND GERMANY. TARLAN SAID THAT IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED ON THE TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ECEVIT VISIT WILL PASS WITHOUT A SIGNING CEREMONY. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT ECEVIT WOULD PROBABLY CONSIDER SUCH AN OUTCOME A SETBACK, AND HE WOULD THEREFORE TRY TO AVOID IT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION ABOUT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ALLEGING SCHEDULED VISITS OF SOVIET NAVAL SHIPS TO TURKISH PORTS, TARLAN SAID NO SUCH VISITS WERE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. HOWEVER, HE SAID, DURING THE VISIT OF MARSHAL OGARKOV, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED TO INCREASE THEIR MILITARY EXCHANGES AND "IT WAS NOT UNLIKELY" THAT SUCH EXCHANGES WOULD INCLUDE NAVAL SHIP VISITS. TARLAN IMPLIED THAT SUCH VISITS COULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: MFA RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL DOCUMENT IS NOT SURPRISING. TURKISH OFFICIALS ARE TRADITIONALLY RETICENT. MOREOVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE FINAL SHAPE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE POLITICAL DOCUMENT WILL IN LARGE PART BE DETERMINED BY ECEVIT PERSONALLY, AND THE MFA DOES NOT WANT TO PREDICT AN OUTCOME IT IS NOT CONFIDENT OF. DILLON

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